Bringing Up Father

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LAJOIE SINGING SWAN SONG

Greatest Batsman in Major Leagues on Eve of His Retirement.

NEVER ON PENNANT NINE

While He Was King at His Handiwork, Fates Were Against His Playing on Championship Team.

NEW YORK, Aug. 29.—Napoleon Lajoie, the greatest batsman of them all, is now on the threshold of retirement. His swan song is being sung. At the end of the present season he intends to quit the game for good and all, not because he has tired of it, but because the punch that made him one of the greatest players in the history of base ball has nearly run its course and there is left only a shell of what was once an all-conquering force.

For eighteen years Lajoie has played the game, batting and fielding himself to glory, but never once in that long span has he felt the thrill of playing with a team that has won the league championship. Never has he played in a world series and never has he had an opportunity to place his name alongside those of the Mathewsons, Bakers, Collinses, Planks, Cobbs, Benders and others past and present who have made everlasting glory for themselves and their teams by their deeds in battles for the premier base ball honors.

Never with Pennant Winners.

Some men acquire fame and others have it thrust upon them. Lajoie has acquired his by hard and brilliant work covering a period that has seen the rise and fall of many base ball stars. At various times in his wonderful career on the diamond the honor of being member of a championship team seemed to be within call, but it has never arrived. Today he is a member of a team that is hopelessly out of the race and with his retirement from the game drawing close there is no chance that he will ever be a member of a pennant-winning club.

In this respect the case of Lajoie is distinctive, for there have been few base ball stars of equal fame who have not at one time or other played with a championship set. Virtually all the base ball celebrities of the present time except Lajoie have been participants in world series games. Evers, Tinker, Leach, Wagner, Chance and the others have enjoyed the honor and yet it has been denied to a player whose record is more wonderful than that of any one of those mentioned. "Joe" Jackson of Cleveland and Walter Johnson of Washington are also exceptions, but these players are of a younger generation and there is a chance that both will play in a world series before they retire.

Fate Twists Curiously.

It is a curious twist of fate that keeps a player like Lajoie off a pennant-winning team through eighteen years of splendid achievement and permits players who have been in the game for a single year to attain the distinction. George Burns, "Jeff" Tesreau and "Al" Demaree all were members of championship clubs the first year they played major league ball. So was Owen Bush of the Detroit Tigers and "Wally" Schang of the Athletics, as have been others. To them fame came overnight; to Lajoie this particular brand of glory has never come, though his record is more meritorious than all theirs put together.

Only twice in his eighteen years as a player has Lajoie failed to finish the season with a batting percentage of more than .300. In 1896, his first year in the big leagues, he hit for .328, and only once thereafter, outside of the two years mentioned, was his season's record under that. In 1909 it was .324, but that followed the two years in which he failed to reach the .300 mark and may be accounted for by the fact that he has not fully recovered from the worry and mental strain entailed by his duties as manager. It was while he was manager of the Naps, in 1907 and 1908, that his batting average dropped below the .300 class, he having, respectively, for those two years an average of .279 and .289. His best season was 1901, when he hit for .422, though in most of the eighteen years he has been in the game he has enjoyed an average well over .350.

Worst Season of All.

This season has been the worst in "Larry's" long career in base ball. His batting has been only a semblance of what it once was. Nothing shows more clearly the hand of Father Time than his present average of about .225, as contrasted with the dazzling batting marks he has set in the past.

Lajoie, when he retires, will quit the game with a record that has perhaps never been surpassed. In fielding he has always been a marvel, the personification of grace and speed. Ball playing was his natural vocation. He was born to play the game and he has made the most of the opportunities with which nature endowed him. There is not a single unpleasant chapter in the book of Lajoie's base ball career, either so far as his skill or he, himself, personally is concerned. His record has been clean and his achievements a credit to the national game.

To see the game Lajoie is playing today it might seem like a stretch of the imagination to believe that he is nearing the end of the rope. Yet the comparison of his work this season with what he has done in the past is mute evidence of the disintegration of a marvellous base ball machine. For that is what "Larry" has been—a machine. No mere human being could do in base ball what he has done.

Standing of Teams

WEST. LEAGUE.	W.	L.	Pct.
Sioux City	83	48	.634
St. Joseph	76	55	.580
Denver	75	57	.568
Des Moines	66	65	.504
Lincoln	64	70	.477
Omaha	59	72	.451
Topeka	54	79	.406
Wichita	50	81	.383

AMER. LEAGUE	W.	L.	Pct.
Ph'delphia	81	38	.681
Boston	66	49	.547
W'shington	61	55	.526
Detroit	60	60	.500
Chicago	58	63	.479
St. Louis	55	63	.466
New York	54	63	.462
Cleveland	39	83	.320

FED. LEAGUE.	W.	L.	Pct.
Indianapils	65	49	.570
Baltimore	62	50	.554
Chicago	62	52	.544
Buffalo	58	54	.518
Brooklyn	57	56	.504
Kan. City	53	64	.453
St. Louis	51	67	.432
Pittsburgh	48	64	.429

NATL. LEAGUE.	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	62	50	.554
Boston	62	51	.549
St. Louis	64	56	.533
Chicago	61	56	.522
Cincinnati	54	60	.474
Brooklyn	53	62	.461
Ph'delphia	51	51	.455
Pittsburgh	52	63	.452

STATE LEAGUE.	W.	L.	Pct.
Beatrice	63	46	.578
Gr. Island	63	46	.578
Hastings	62	47	.569
York	58	51	.532
Superior	54	55	.496
Norfolk	51	58	.468
Columbus	48	61	.440
Kearney	27	72	.339

AMER. ASS'N.	W.	L.	Pct.
Milwaukee	75	57	.568
Louisville	77	57	.575
Indianapolis	73	63	.530
Columbus	71	63	.530
Cleveland	69	65	.515
Kan. City	63	70	.474
Minneapolis	59	76	.441
St. Paul	48	85	.361

Yesterday's Results.

WESTERN LEAGUE.
Denver, 4; St. Joseph, 5.
Lincoln, 3, 1; Des Moines, 5, 8.
Topeka, 4; Sioux City, 6.
Wichita, 3; Omaha, 4; second game called end second, 0 to 0.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.
Chicago, 2; Washington, 1.
Cleveland, 1; Philadelphia, 2.
Detroit, 5; New York, 6.
St. Louis-Boston; postponed; rain.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.
Brooklyn, 0, 5; Pittsburgh, 1, 4.
Philadelphia, 2; Cincinnati, 6.
New York, 0, 7; Chicago, 1, 5.
Boston, 4, 6; St. Louis, 0, 4.

FEDERAL LEAGUE.
Buffalo, 1; Brooklyn, 4.
Indianapolis, 3; Kansas City, 8.
Chicago, 0; St. Louis, 1.
Pittsburgh, 2; Baltimore, 0.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.
Milwaukee, 2-0; Indianapolis, 10-9.
Kansas City, 6; Louisville, 11.
St. Paul-Cleveland, postponed, rain.

Games Today.

Western League—Denver at St. Joseph, Lincoln at Des Moines, Topeka at Sioux City, Wichita at Omaha.

American League—No games scheduled.

National League—Philadelphia at Cincinnati, New York at Chicago, Boston at St. Louis.

Federal League—Indianapolis at Kansas City, Chicago at St. Louis.

American Association—Milwaukee at Indianapolis, Kansas City at Louisville, St. Paul at Cleveland, Minneapolis at Columbus.

State League—Hastings at Norfolk, York at Columbus, Beatrice at Kearney, Superior at Grand Island.

NO RIM-CUT SERVICE GINK TRIES HARD AT VERSE

There's a whole lot of philosophy as well as jingle in the verses ground out by the "No-Rim-Cut Service Gink," who contributes regularly to No-Rim-Cut News, a house organ of The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. Here's one of his latest on "The Man Who Dug":

"The village folks for many years had treated Old Pop Jenks with jeers and laughed to scorn the spimple way he spent his working hours each day. For Pop laid claim to wealth galore, hid, so he said, along the shore where Captain Kidd and comrades bold secreted all their ill-got gold. And Pop was strong in his belief that he alone knew where the chief of that historic robber crew had left the wealth of those he slew. So while his neighbors, fat and snug, looked on and sneered, old Pop Jenks dug! From early morn till sunset's rest old Pop pursued his tailsome quest and shoveled holes in mother earth while all the village shook with mirth. The land around old Pop Jenk's home was not unlike a honeycomb, and one would think some giant moles had lived where Pop had dug his holes. From spot to spot he moved his kit and dug the ground up bit by bit; unfalt'ring courage marked his toil nor disappointments served to foil nor turn him from his self-set goal—and folks looked on and said "Poor fool." Then one day through the vales and hills a rumor spread that caused quick thrills to agitate the minds of folk who called Pop Jenks a grizzled joke. From lip to lip the story flew, men asked each other it 'twere true, if old man Jenks had really found the wealth he claimed was underground, and all with one accord made haste along the road to Old Pop's place, where resting in triumphant joy midst wealth he'd dreamed of since a boy, the old man stood with out-thrust chest—a leader, now, no more a jest! And folks who'd sneered at Old Pop's name now shook his hand, proclaimed his fame.

"'Tis thus with all ambitious dreams; the world heaps ridicule on schemes that soar beyond its narrow ken, and sometimes martyrs noble men. But those with strength of mind and heart grimly play their chosen part, and write their names in letters big, because like Old Pop Jenks—they dig!"

The Bee Want Ads Are the Best Business Boosters.

BOWLERS' GONG RINGS SOON

Opening Bell Will Be Sounded September 11.

BUSY SIGNING UP PLAYERS

Various Team Captains Picking the Best Men Available, with View to Making Coming Season Closely Contested One.

When the gong rings on the Morrison alleys Friday night, September 11, Omaha bowling fans will see the strongest league lineup ever organized in this city. The team captains have been busy during the last week signing players and are now ready to announce their lineups. One look over the personnel of the teams will show that all are at full strength and evenly matched. This will give the Omaha league the best race in its history.

Storz's team presents a formidable array with a lineup consisting of most of last season's fast Wroth's Cafe team. Fanton, K. Sciple, Conrad, Martin and Terrell make up this combination.

Metz's lineup has undergone a decided change and will enter the field with such stars as Cumings, Neale, J. Jarosh, Denman, Weekes, Huntington and Cain.

Luxus' team has strengthened and will be represented by Balzer, Goff, Wartchow, McCarthy, Thomas and Learn.

Old Style Lagers consists of Toman, Powell, Yousen, R. Sciple and Hammerstrom.

Jetter's Old Age team will be practically the same as last year's lineup, with Zimmerman, Zarp, Gilbreath, Godenschwager and Bland.

Mickey Gibson's team presents a lineup consisting of some of the younger stars. Dahmke, Lee, Miller, Dougherty and Potter will represent this name.

Other leagues have strengthened this season and will be on the runways early in September.

Gate City, Commercial, Fairmont Creamery, Standard Oil and Omaha Gas leagues are organized and ready for the start.

Booster and Metropolitan leagues are in action and will soon be heard from.

Other leagues will be organized about the middle of October, when Shoenman's new alleys will be ready for play.

This season's outlook is the most promising of any since the game got a foothold here.

Alley Notes.

The captains of the Omaha league teams overlooked several good bets when they failed to take the following names on their lists: White, Stunz, O. Johnson, Maurer, Howell, Green, C. Johnson, Fiegenschuh, Rosenburg, F. Jarosh, Beselin, Fritscher, Chandler and Schoeneman.

With Ben Hull running the Metropolitan alleys the game will receive a big boost at that place.

Pre-season match games are being played between organized teams, as a method of getting into shape for the season's play.

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Electrics Boost Themselves After Trial of Two Weeks

Electrically driven cars are the most difficult to sell, but they are their own best boosters after their owner has had them a fortnight says Don C. McCord, general manager of the Flanders Electric Incorporated. "It is very satisfying," he continues, "to have a customer come in and thank you for selling him a car when, at the time of its purchase, he did not want it very badly. Such a thing, however, has happened.

"I am firmly of the belief that if the automobile business was developed to a point where a would-be customer might be given a two weeks' trial of an electric it would mean 100 per cent sales. Unfortunately, however, a car used for two weeks is considered a 'second-hand' machine, although its worth has suffered in no way from its brief service and this selling plan is not possible.

"Buyers of electrics soon find their cars have advantages which are not possessed by those driven by gasoline. These qualities become more and more apparent as the days pass. The car at all times is under positive control, the jerks so annoying in the starting of gasoline cars are entirely absent, the coupe bodies—a protection against any kind of inclement weather—make their daily use a practicality; with the windows open the electrics are stylish open cars; and their lightness cuts down tire depreciation materially.

"The worm drive of the Flanders Electric gives it an additional advantage. The power is evenly distributed constantly, there are no jerks or jars. The worm drive applies the power in such a way that but the slightest portion is lost. The worm drive is the last word in electric car construction."

Young Matty Appears.

Steve Royce, college pitcher, for whom McGraw overbid the Reds, except that he is smaller, is a younger Mathewson in looks and speech and bright intelligence—and Larry McLean, catching him in practice, says he has the goods.

Owes Championship Laurels to Varden

WALTER HAGEN.

"Shoot straight to the flag." This was the advice given Walter Hagen by Harry Varden, the English golfing expert, which the latter said was in a large measure responsible for his winning the national golf title at Chicago. Hagen's defeat of Ouimet at the national tournament came as a surprise to golfing experts, although he was counted on as one of the best players at the meet. Like the famous English champion, Varden, who gave him the excellent advice quoted above, Hagen sacrifices distance to accuracy and the results of his method speak for themselves. Hagen's refusal to participate in the western open golf tournament which opened in Minneapolis Tuesday, came as a surprise and a disappointment to his friends.

ROURKES WIN ONE AND WEATHER ONE

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rifled, and Burrell's single to center counted the walking delegate and the prince.

Krug Hits in Pinch.

With the score tied, Krueger opened the ninth by whiffing, but Garrett sailed one over Ochs in center field for two bases. Ochs was habitating the middle garden because Mr. Bills had chosen to argue with Umps Van Sycle over a third strike. He was told to argue with the shower bath in the club house, which he did. Bell flew out to Nicholson, but Krug busted one to center which ruined Mr. Scott.

The second game was started and the frenzied mob howled for more pastime. The mob waited to see some of the athletes slip and spoil their nice uniforms in the little rivulets around the patchs. They were disappointed, as the game was called before any of the athletes could get on the runway so as to be able to slip.

Two games today. First game called at 2 o'clock. Score:

Score first game:

OMAHA.

	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Bell, lf.	4	0	0	3	0	0
Krug, 2b.	4	0	2	4	3	0
Thomason, cf.	3	1	2	3	0	0
Schliebner, 1b.	4	1	1	7	0	0
Congalton, rf.	2	0	0	0	0	0
Burrell, 3b.	4	0	2	3	1	0
Thomas, ss.	4	1	2	2	2	0
Krueger, c.	4	0	1	4	4	0
Garrett, p.	4	1	2	0	1	0
Totals	33	4	12	27	10	0

WICHITA.

	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Tydeman, rf.	4	1	2	0	0	0
Nicholson, lf.	3	1	0	3	0	0
O'Rourke, 2b.	4	0	3	4	2	0
Fitzsimmons, ss.	2	0	0	1	4	0
Bills, cf.	3	0	0	3	0	0
Ochs, cf.	0	0	0	0	1	0
Rapp, 3b.	4	0	1	1	4	1
Henry, 1b.	4	1	2	11	1	0
Graham, c.	4	0	0	3	5	0
Scott, p.	2	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	30	3	7	26	*18	1

*Two out when winning run was scored.

Omaha:									
Runs	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	—4
Hits	3	1	0	2	1	0	2	2	2—13
Wichita:									
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Runs	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0—3
Hits	2	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	0—7

Two-base hits: Thomason, Garrett, Tydeman 2. Stolen bases: Thomas, Bell, Nicholson. Sacrifice hits: Krug, Congalton. Double play: Krug to Thomas to Schliebner. Left on bases: Omaha, 7; Wichita, 5. Struck out: By Garrett, 4; by Scott, 3. Bases on balls: Off Garrett, 3. Wild pitch: Garrett. Passed ball: Graham. Hit by pitched ball: Nicholson, Fitzsimmons. Time: 1:45. Umpires: Van Sycle and Barr.

Score, second game:

OMAHA.

	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Bell, lf.	2	0	0	1	0	0
Krug, 2b.	2	0	1	2	3	0
Thomason, cf.	1	0	1	1	0	0
Schliebner, 1b.	1	0	0	5	0	0
Congalton, rf.	1	0	0	0	0	0
Burrell, 3b.	1	0	0	0	0	0
Thomas, ss.	1	0	0	0	2	0
Krueger, c.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Styles, p.	1	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	10	0	2	9	6	0

WICHITA.

	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Tydeman, rf.	1	0	1	2	0	0
Nicholson, lf.	1	0	0	0	0	0
O'Rourke, 2b.	1	0	0	1	1	1
Fitzsimmons, ss.	1	0	0	0	1	0
Bills, cf.	1	0	0	0	0	0
Rapp, 3b.	1	0	0	0	0	0
Henry, 1b.	1	0	0	2	0	0
Jones, c.	1	0	0	3	1	0
Slagle, p.	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	9	0	1	8	*3	1

*Two out in third inning, when game was called on account of rain.

Omaha—				
Runs	0	0	0	—0
Hits	2	0	0	—2
Wichita—				
Runs	0	0	0	—0
Hits	1	0	0	—1

Double plays: Krug to Schliebner, Jones to O'Rourke. Left on bases: Omaha, 2. Struck out: By Slagle, 2. Bases on balls: Off Slagle, 1. Time: 0:30. Umpires: Van Sycle and Barr.

Johnson's "If" Clause.

Manager Griffith claims that Walter Johnson has practically accepted terms for a long term with the Senators. If the Senators have no chance for the flag Walter is to be allowed off a few weeks before the season closes to take his bride on their delayed honeymoon. That is, if he signs his contract.

Milan Loses Record.

Clyde Milan's long absence from the game has killed his chances for the leading base stealing honor of the American league this year. Eddie Collins and Fritz Maisel are away out in front with the chances favoring the Athletics' star, as Maisel is to be benched for light hitting, according to rumor.

Didn't Like Schalk.

The Base Ball World carries a yarn to the effect that the Superior club once refused to give a young catcher a chance when he pleaded for an opportunity a few seasons back. That youngster was Ray Schalk, now a star of the American circuit.

BENCH WARMING HARD JOB

At Least that is the Way "Brick" Owens Looks at It.

MAKES THEM OLD QUICKLY

Wears on a Man to Sit and Watch Plays that He Thinks He Could Make Better Than Men in Field.

NEW YORK, Aug. 29.—"Brick" Owens, the leading umpire of the American association, was engaged in a fanning bee with some players recently, when someone asked, "What is the hardest position to play?"

"The hardest position to play," said Owens, "strange to say, is the one that requires the least work. In fact, it requires no work at all. Maybe that is why it is so hard, for you know that doing nothing is sometimes a very tiresome job.

"Some think the pitcher is the hardest worked man on the team; some think the catcher, and some the third baseman; but it is all a mistake, as we said before. The hardest worked man on any ball team is the man who warms the bench. It is the worst job in the world, and if you doubt that it is the hardest position to play, why, ask any player, any of them can tell you.

"Of course, every man who makes good has to serve a long apprenticeship. That is fair, as no club is going to discharge a veteran immediately upon signing a 'busher.'

"'Pretty soft,' you say. 'Pretty soft—just sitting there and drawing a big salary.'

Hard Job After All.

"But don't deceive yourself. If the salary was twice the size, the bench warmer would earn every cent of it. There is not a bench warmer today but would trade places with any man playing regularly on the team for one-half the salary that he is getting for sitting still.

"Then, when you come to think about it, the busiest place on the field is the players' bench. Here is where the manager usually is, and where he is busy. A fellow will grow old faster on the bench than out on the grass. The agony of sitting by and watching teammates throw away a game or watching a rival acknowledge the plaudits of an admiring multitude is enough to bring gray hairs to the head.

"Then, worst of all, the bench warmer never lived that did not think he could play better ball than the fellows that were doing it. It is the difficult corner, all right."

OPPOSE BRANCH HOUSES AND ONE-CAR DEALER

"The legitimate one-car dealer and, for most grades of motor cars, the branch houses have been two of the nuisances of the automobile business," says Henry Krohn, sales manager of the Paige-Detroit Motor Car company. "The Paige company is unalterably opposed to both of them.

"Mr. Jones, out at Punkville, writes to the factory to the effect that he does not want a contract for any specified number of cars, but he wants a car for his own use, and he knows he can sell quite a few others if he can get the agent's discount. Some manufacturers, hungry for business, have accepted such propositions.

"Jones is not a dealer. He does not depend on the automobile for a livelihood, but occasionally he hears of a friend who is going to buy a car. He tells his friend he is in a position to get a little extra discount and will sell him a car at somewhat better than list price. The result is a cut-price reputation for the factory and a lost sale for some legitimate dealer.

"The Paige policy is absolutely opposed to this type of business. It never has and never will tolerate the illegitimate dealer.

"The Paige company does not and will not operate branch houses. In many instances branch houses have been more or less of a dumping ground for factory product. They have in some cases encouraged unfair competition because prices were not strictly maintained. Enormous trade allowances have been made for second-hand cars, all of which generates a type of competition that the legitimate dealer cannot meet. We believe that for most grades of cars branch houses are unsatisfactory and expensive proposition, and the Paige company will, therefore, have none of them."

MOTORCYCLE CHAMPIONSHIP IS TO BE RUN AT ST. LOUIS

The amateur motorcycle championships of the United States will be run at St. Louis, July 15th to 18th. The Bosch Trophy has again been donated. It is a magnificent silver trophy over two feet high and will be presented to the rider who accomplishes the most consistent performance in the amateur championship races which are run during the convention of the Federation of American Motorcyclists. The winner of the Bosch Trophy also receives the title, National Amateur Champion Motorcycle Rider of America.

DALTON LEADS IN NATIONAL

Former Western Leaguer, with Brooklyn, Leading Slugger.

LEJEUNE HOLDS WESTERN TOP

Sioux City's Belgian Leading This Circuit—Artie Thomason Passes Fritz Schliebner for Top Omaha Honors.

CHICAGO, Aug. 29.—Ross Erwin's .348 keeps in the lead of National league batters, according to figures published here today, but another Brooklyn player, Dalton, who has played in 99 games, is the real pace setter with .344. Grant, New York, is third with .331. Then comes Becker, Philadelphia, .352; Gonzales, Cincinnati, .324; Daubert, Brooklyn, .316; Magee, Philadelphia, .312; Connolly, Boston, .309; Wingo, St. Louis, .306; Phelan, Chicago, .304. Brooklyn with .270 heads the clubs in batting and New York is next with .262. Manager Herzog of Cincinnati leads in stolen bases with 39.

Dick Hoblitzel, Boston, leads the American league batters with .366. Next are Jackson, Cleveland, .364; Collins, Philadelphia, .352; Mitchell, Washington, .347; Cobb, Detroit, .346; Cree, New York, .341; Speaker, Boston, .328; Baker, Philadelphia, .326; Crawford, Detroit, .320; McInnis, Philadelphia, .312. Philadelphia with .269 and Detroit with .249 lead in team hitting. Maisel, New York, with 48, is head in stolen bases.

The three leaders among the National league pitchers whose total won and lost games number more than ten are: James, Boston, 18 and 6; Doak, St. Louis, 17 and 5; Rudolph, Boston, 18 and 7. In the American league the leaders are Bender, Philadelphia, 12 and 2; Plank, Philadelphia, 13 and 3, and Leonard, Boston, 19 and 4.

John Titus, Kansas City, continues the leader in the American association with .379. Bennie Kauff, Indianapolis, with .363, leads the batting in the Federal league.

Larry Lejeune, Sioux City, holds the lead in the Western, as he has done practically all season. His average is .383. Following him are Mogridge, Des Moines, .361; Kane, Sioux City, .345; Koerner, Topeka, .343; Butcher, Denver, .342; Coffey, Denver, .333; Patterson, St. Joseph, .333; Thompson, Omaha, .332; Schliebner, Omaha, .331; Eddington, Denver, .330. Denver, .330. Denver with .294 and Sioux City with .292 lead the clubs. In stolen bases George Watson, St. Joseph, leads with 49. Leading pitchers are Gaspar, Sioux City, 20 and 5; Gaskell, Denver, 21 and 6; Sterzer, St. Joseph, 22 and 9.

Fords Travel Over Ten Million Miles Every Day of Year

Sales Manager N. A. Hawkins of the Ford Motor company has some interesting figures in regard to Ford mileage. He says:

"There are now 500,000 Fords in use. Each one certainly averages no less than twenty miles daily for twelve months in the year. These 500,000 Fords, therefore are traveling and showing themselves over a stretch of 10,000,000 miles each day, or 300,000,000 miles each month, or 3,600,000,000 miles each year.

"This is a distance equal to 144,000 times around the world.

"If these 500,000 model T's started on a tour around the world and kept within a half mile of each other they would encircle the globe ten times.

"Every city street, boulevard, parkway, every village street, every country road is lined with Fords.

"So persistent is this constant and ever increasing parade that men, women and children who never knew anything about motor cars, can pick them out.

"The Ford is the easiest car to think about, because it is seen most frequently."

WORLD'S RECORD BROKEN AT DES MOINES RACES

DES MOINES, Ia., Aug. 29.—The world's record for the one mile pace to a four-wheel vehicle on a half-mile track was broken in the state fair races here today. Franklin Pierce and Buck Muscovite, entered by W. S. Pike of Mena, Ark., made the second heat in 2:10¾. The former record was 2:13¼.

Summaries:

Pacing, 3-year-old and under, purse $800: Enoch, first; Sir Francis, second; Don Genemore, third. Best time, 2:16¼.

Trotting, 2:25 class, purse $700: Miss Densmore, first; Judge Hutch, second; Judge Spencer, third. Best time, 2:14¼.

Pacing, 2:17 class, purse $600: Dad Mix, first; Charley R., second; Little George, third. Best time, 2:12¼.

Team race, for free-for-all pacers, to four-wheled vehicles, purse $800: Franklin Pierce and Buck Muscovite, first; Billy Murray and Bertha Creighton, second. Best time, 2:10¾.

Derby, purse $300: Marshall Tilghman, first; Cavarena, second; Frank Fletcher, third. Time: 2:10¼.

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